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Mr. John E. Kittle, Director
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Re: U.S. Patent Application for **Swabbable Luer-Activated Valve**
Serial No.: 09/808,418
Date Filed: March 14, 2001
Our File: 1600/136

Dear Mr. Kittle:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Withdrawal from Issue Under 37 CFR 1.313(b), a copy of which is attached, which we received for the above-referenced application.

As you stated in the notice, we wish to request a refund of the issue fee, which we paid in the amount of \$1,660.00 on October 15, 2003. Please have this amount credited to our deposit account no. 19-4972.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Steven G. Saunders

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In re Application of
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**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
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UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(b)**

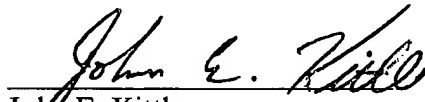
The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee for interference. See 37 CFR 1.313(b)(4).

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

The issue fee is refundable upon written request. If, however, the application is again found allowable, the issue fee can be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due upon written request. This request and any balance due must be received on or before the due date noted in the new Notice of Allowance in order to prevent abandonment of the application.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to John E. Kittle at (703) 308-0873.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.


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